

I. AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

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Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 7.

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/826,577, filed April 2, 1997, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/404,832, filed March 13, 1995, now abandoned, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present disclosure.

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 2 to ³³34, without prejudice or disclaimer. R.126

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Please add new claims ³⁴35 to ⁴⁷49, as follows: R.126

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34 35. A purified mammalian CD40bp protein having the following characteristics:
to specifically bind to the cytoplasmic region of the mammalian CD40 receptor;
has an apparent molecular weight of about 64 kD on SDS PAGE under reducing conditions;
and does not specifically bind to a homologous tumor necrosis factor cell-surface receptor.

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35 38. An isolated nucleic acid molecule coding for the protein of claim 1.